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C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 5646

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PFOR, KS

SUBJECT: PAK VETOS OPPOSITION BACKED BILL

REF: (A) SEOUL 5130; (B) SEOUL 5488

1. PRESIDENT PAK ACTING THROUGH STATE COUNCIL JULY 25
VETOED RECENTLY PASSED OPOSITION SPONSORED LAW CONCERNING
TESTIMONY AT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. THIS LAW, WHICH WOULD
HAVE REQUIRED GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO TESTIFY OR REPORT TO
ASSEMBLY ON DEMAND, WAS PART OF NEGOTIATED GOVERNMENT-
OPPOSITION COMPROMISE REACHED DURING LAST ASSEMBLY SESSION
(REF A). IT WAS ALSO A STEP TOWARD RESTORING FORMER ASSEMBLY
INSPECTION FUNCTION REMOVED BY YUSHIN CONSTITUTION,
LONG A GOAL OF OPPOSITION. NDP HAS REACTED STRONGLY
TO VETO WHICH THEY SEE AS GOVERNMENT RENEGING ON CARE-
FULLY NEGOTIATED DEAL.

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2. STATE COUNCIL RETURNED BILL TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON GROUNDS THAT IT WOULD BE HARMFUL TO NATIONAL SECURITY IF ASSEMBLY HAD POWER TO DEMAND SENSITIVE SECURITY INFORMATION. ASSEMBLY HAS OPTION DURING NEXT SESSION OF REVISING BILL TO ELIMINATE OBJECTIONABLE PORTIONS OR OF OVERRIDING VETO BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE.

3. AS RESULT OF VETO, NDP LEADER, KIM YONG-SAM, SAID HE WOULD CANCEL HIS TRIP TO SOUTHEAST ASIA (REF B). OTHER NDP LEADERS HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM PARTICIPATION IN JOINT GOVERNMENT-OPPOSITION INSPECTION TRIP OF INDUSTRIAL AREAS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN JULY 28. NDP SPOKESMAN HAN PYONG-CHE TERMED ACTION A QUOTE POLITICAL CATASTROPHE UNQUOTE WHICH HAS CHANGED THE GOVERNMENT-OPPOSITION RELATIONSHIP FROM ONE OF DIALOGUE TO ONE OF CONFRONTATION.

COMMENT: PRIMIN HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR (SEPTTEL) THAT GOVERNMENT HAD HANDLED ISSUE INEPTLY AND THAT EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE TO RECTIFY SITUATION, PLACATE OPPOSITION AND TO PERSUADE KIM YONG-SAM TO MAKE SEA TOUR, POSSIBLY LEAVING JULY 27.
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